

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

At 3:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5. An act to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431 note) as amended, and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term effective March 23, 2012, and ending May 14, 2014: Mr. Robert P. George of Princeton, New Jersey.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 5. An act to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

S. 2230. A bill to reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers.

S. 2231. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act, to advance the ability of credit unions to promote small business growth and economic development opportunities, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5441. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0112)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5442. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amdt. No. 3465" ((RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5443. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amdt. No. 3464" ((RIN2120-AA65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5444. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland Model EC135 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0453)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5445. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CPAC, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1128)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5446. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Mooney Aviation Company, Inc. (Mooney) Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0182)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5447. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Aviation Communications and Surveillance Systems (ACSS) Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) Units" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-1204)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5448. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1245)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5449. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1171)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5450. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Considerations for Lavatory Oxygen Systems" ((RIN2120-AJ92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5451. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Class D and Class E Airspace; Hawthorne, CA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0610)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5452. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; South Bend, IN" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0250)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5453. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Anchorage Regulations; Newport, RI" ((RIN1625-AA01) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0443)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5454. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; HITS Triathlon; Corpus Christi Bayfront, Corpus Christi, TX" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0785)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5455. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Vicinity of Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1166)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5456. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; M/V Del Monte Live-Fire Gun Exercise, James River, Isle of Wight, Virginia" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2012-0010)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5457. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Mississippi River, Mile Marker 230 to Mile Marker 234, in the Vicinity of Baton Rouge, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-0841)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5458. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ice Rescue Exercise; Green Bay, Dyckesville, Wisconsin" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1161)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5459. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Mile Marker 35.2 to Mile Marker 35.5, Larose, Lafourche Parish, LA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2011-1128)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 12, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5460. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zone; Potomac and Anacostia Rivers,